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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in New York were unchanged. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand ranged light to good, best where scattered features were in progress or planned. Supplies were fully sufficient to tight with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to fully adequate for the fair to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for medium with prices on the larger sizes to retailers sharply higher. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to good, mostly fairly good. Loose egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to tight, with the larger sizes in the closest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-68	63-65
LARGE	59-67	61-64
MEDIUM	33-39	36-38

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.			
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
LARGE	42-49	44	
MEDIUM	18-22	20	
SMALL	10-12		

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to close, with mediums remaining in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal to heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-80	66-72
LARGE	58-72	63-67
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Extra large and large prices were sharply higher with mediums unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good with food service sales mostly moderate. Supplies were tight to adequate on the larger sizes with lighter weights adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light. Schedules full-time. Supplies in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69.5-78	71-74
LARGE	66.5-75	68-71
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady beginning the week. Demand continued moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to tight with the lighter weights in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were noted as normal. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	68-71
LARGE	55.25-72	66-69
MEDIUM	35.5-43	36-40

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail demand ranged light to instances good, best where limited feature activities were in place. Supplies were fully sufficient to close for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	72-76
LARGE	70-74
MEDIUM	47-51

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for larger sizes advanced 8 cents, mediums were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate, instances good where features are a factor. Offerings are mixed mostly balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-73	67-69
LARGE	64-72	65-68
MEDIUM	40-47	41-43

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 8-9 cents higher on large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 8% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently. Small benchmark price 53. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	110
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	73

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	269-347	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	219-309	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	199-205	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending July 30, 2004 will increase by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 23, 2004 were 227,935 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 7 percent above estimates. .

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	187,060	40,875	227,935

% change from the prior week.....	+8	+13	+9

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
BREAKING STOCK	39-41	41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-32	26-28

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JUL-04

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-15	9.5-10.5	10.31
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were mixed, but generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were set according to requirements. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-JULY-04

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-13.25	9.5-10.5	10.17

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 26, 2004**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		<b>NO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>5-Area</b>	
		<b>Northeast</b>	<b>CENT</b>	<b>Atl</b>	<b>Pacific</b>	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.9	17.6	6.6	9.3	53.9
	Change	-2.2	-2.7	0.3	0.5	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	42.8	10.4	20.9	130.3
	Change	-0.3	5.0	-3.9	3.3	8%
Large	Curr Wk	44.5	91.4	52.4	79.9	360.7
	Change	-0.6	-4.8	-2.9	-4.7	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	23.4	42.3	13.4	34.7	145.4
	Change	2.4	1.8	-1.9	-2.5	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	8.0	6.7	2.3	9.4	34.9
	Change	-2.1	-1.2	0.8	0.8	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	26.7	10.0	16.4	62.8
	Change	-1.4	-3.0	1.9	-1.0	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	50.5	19.3	25.4	139.1
	Change	2.7	-1.1	-3.0	-2.7	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	129.4	278.0	114.4	196.0	927.1
Percent	Change	-1%	-2%	-7%	-3%	-1%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
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Shell Egg	927.1	-1%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	266.2	-3%	35

Total Shell Egg	1,193.3	-1%	205
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2004

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	2.03	2.00	1.91	1.16

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 12, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	1.57	1.57	1.47	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 23, 2004

CURRENT LOADS							22.50	FUTURE LOADS							19.25	TOTAL LOADS							41.75
SE			NE		MW		LOADS	SC			NW		SW		LOADS								
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST									
GNR W 1	—	—	47.00	48.00	—	—	7.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00								
GL W J	—	—	—	—	73.00	—	1.25	GL W J	—	—	—	85.00	—	85.25	1.25								
GL W XL	—	—	58.50	59.00	57.50	—	5.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	73.13	2.00								
GL W LG	—	—	53.00	54.00	—	—	7.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GL W MD	—	32.50	29.88	31.50	31.00	33.50	7.00	GL W MD	30.50	31.50	—	40.00	36.00	34.50	8.00								
GL W SM	32.00	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 42	25.00	—	—	29.00	—	—	.75																

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/19/04-07/23/04

CURRENT LOADS							86.25		FUTURE LOADS							70.50		TOTAL LOADS							156.75	
		SE		NE		MW					SC		NW		MW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS					
GNR W 1	43.00	48.75	44.00	45.00	—	—	27.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	5.00					
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	36.00	38.00	1.00	GL W J	—	86.00	—	87.50	—	77.08	3.75	GL W J	—	86.00	—	87.50	77.08	3.75				
GNR BR 1	—	52.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	62.00	—	—	—	—	70.64	17.00	GL W XL	62.00	—	—	—	70.64	17.00				
GL W J	—	—	66.00	67.50	73.62	—	5.75	GL W LG	53.75	61.63	—	64.70	—	64.71	35.25	GL W LG	53.75	61.63	—	64.70	64.71	35.25				
GL W XL	—	63.00	58.10	56.51	58.02	50.43	55.50	GL W MD	30.50	34.50	—	40.00	36.00	34.50	12.50	GL W MD	30.50	34.50	—	40.00	36.00	34.50	12.50			
GL W LG	—	—	50.88	52.67	55.20	—	42.50	GL W SM	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W SM	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W MD	32.00	32.50	30.15	31.63	31.50	33.31	26.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00			
GL W SM	30.50	32.83	28.00	30.00	—	—	5.00																			
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	115.00	118.00	1.00																			
NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	—	40.60	40.75	17.00																			
NRBS - 45	—	—	34.00	35.00	—	—	1.50																			
NRBS - 42	25.00	30.00	—	29.00	30.44	34.25	4.75																			
NRBS - 39	—	27.00	25.00	—	—	—	1.00																			
NRBS - 36	—	23.00	—	—	20.00	—	1.00																			

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/19/04	07/12/04	07/21/03
PACIFIC COAST	193	264	59
LOS ANGELES	145	215	36

**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 7/23/2004

Report Period: 7/4/2004 - 7/10/2004

	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped To	Shipped To	Shipped To	
	Northern CA	Central CA	Southern CA	
Arizona	0	0	3,146	3,146
Colorado	0	0	3,009	3,009
Illinois	0	0	240	240
Indiana	0	0	1,560	1,560
Iowa	6,240	9,635	29,595	45,470
Michigan	0	0	7,486	7,486
Minnesota	3,580	0	6,450	10,030
Missouri	0	0	5,310	5,310
Nevada	0	0	333	333
Ohio	0	0	2,090	2,090
Oregon	2,847	360	0	3,207
Pennsylvania	0	0	965	965
South Dakota	780	0	504	1,284
Texas	0	0	2,420	2,420
Utah	520	1,280	9,151	10,951
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,967</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>72,259</b>	<b>97,501</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>13,967</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>72,259</b>	<b>97,501</b>

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	123 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	125 - 142	128 - 133

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small size, higher on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair to fairly good. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87.63
LARGE	82.63
MEDIUM	55.63
SMALL	48.00

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